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## Mayor Andrea Roberts turns page on political life

DARREN LUM

Editor

It's time for a change.

After 16 years, Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts is ready for a new chapter that doesn't involve political service.

Roberts has decided to not run in the upcoming municipal election. She said serving the community the past 16 years has been fulfilling, but it was time to step away and was part of her plan.

"It really just concludes exactly what my personal political goal that I set out to do. The hardship has been that it gets into your skin in positive ways too. Not just the stress and negative ways. There is so much about it that I still love. But, yet, personally, I'm just not ready to commit four more years of pretty close to full time work," she said.

Her decision was made while on holiday with her husband recently.

"I just had this moment. [I told myself], you know, you're not quitting. You're doing what you set out to do. I'm really, really proud of the 16 years that I will have put in when this term is finished," she said. "I'm sure good people will come along. That's part of my concern," she said.

She adds there will be turnover with the current council, which will include a

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**Egg-cited for Easter**

Tyler Piercy, five, adds to his egg collection while hunting at the Easter at the Gardens event hosted by Abbey Gardens on Saturday, April 16, a few minutes from West Guelph. The holiday event included a secret message scavenger hunt, treat bags, cookie decoration station, story time, and pony selfies. /DARREN LUM Staff

## School bus driver shortage 'continues to be a challenge'

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

*The following are brief reports of items discussed at the board of trustees meeting of Trillium Lakelands District School Board held virtually on April 12.*

Haliburton County's school board trustee Gary Brohman asked about bus driver shortages, how they were being handled, and their impact on students who need transportation for extracurricular activities, noting he'd had discussions recently with parents who had expressed concern about the issue.

"Do we have enough? Are we using our bus companies, or charter, or are parents driving?" asked Brohman.

Superintendent Tim Ellis said bus drivers are not employed by the board, and that it's the responsibility of operators to hire those employees.

"The driver shortage due to COVID was very apparent at the beginning of the year and continues to be a challenge," Ellis told the board. "Finding bus drivers, particularly in areas such as Haliburton, is very difficult for our providers."

Brohman asked if bus driver companies advertise for bus drivers locally, and Ellis said he believed they do. He said the

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# Love of the community motivated political career

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few representatives who won't run again. "It's going to be a big change, but I can't run out of guilt either," she said.

Roberts is confident there will be capable leaders, who will step forward and help to lead the community in her place. She will be contributing to the community in other ways she said. What that will be exactly, she wasn't sure at this point.

Although the pandemic was a factor, it wasn't a major contributor to this decision. Much of the challenge with the pandemic occurred early on, with questions about masking and whether or not seasonal residents should come to their cottage during the May long weekend she said.

"But overall, you know, the last little while has not been stressful. I got used to doing the job [the new way]. It's going to be a change when we go back. Plans to go back for the May committee of the whole meeting to be in-person for councillors and the clerk and we will then have all the other staff members Zoom-in and, if there's any delegation or anybody in the public, they'll be Zoomed-in and plus it will be live-streamed by YouTube, so people can still watch it," she said.

Time was a concern for Roberts. Rather than the grind of a political campaign, she has other plans.

"The timing is right. I want to be camping this summer and not campaigning," she said.

She adds the campaign effort is long, with it starting in May and ending in October.

"Yeah, there'll be something else down the road, but I'm not going to jump into anything. I'm just going to take a nice pause like most people do when they're retired and then that thing will find me perhaps," she said.

After close to 35 years living here, Roberts is proud to call Dysart her home and appreciated the opportunity to serve.

"This is my home. So, I think I'm just most proud of that I had the opportunity to serve my community in this way. It really isn't any one event or thing. There's lot and lots over the whole overall 16 years," she said.

She later remembered the Dysart 150 celebration, the fundraising for the skate park and the library.

One regret she has is not running for mayor in 2014, which was when she ran as deputy mayor.

She would have liked to have been mayor for two terms of eight years. Roberts said she didn't have the confidence to run to be the mayor with her political experience only being as Ward 1 councilor.

The experience of running the municipality has been life changing.

"The whole thing has been a growing experience. I changed as a person because of this job. It made me more confident and given me opportunities that I never thought that I would have," she said.

Roberts can still remember hammering in her first political campaign sign where the Gardens of Haliburton is now located in her bid to run for ward one councillor.

"It was a big learning curve for me in the beginning, but I thrived on it and just really, really enjoyed my time," she said.

She remembers how her friends were unaware of her political aspirations until her signs were around town. She acknowledges her intention for the election is clear, but will be working hard to complete her term. Among the work includes the Fleming College student residence project, and the completion of the strategic plan.

Roberts life could be a Hollywood movie.

From how she moved here with her first husband, becoming pregnant at 26 to the ending of her marriage, which left her to become a single mother with a four-month-old baby, working at what was then a recently opened McKecks as its manager, to eventually become the mayor of the town. She said her triumphs weren't without help along the way, whether it was from how Curry Motors gave her a "really good deal" and she didn't need much down" to buy her first car to replace her broken down 12 year old "clunker," to how her new employer Walt McKechnie vouched for her in securing housing across the road from the restaurant.

The trip down memory lane for her leaves her a little choked up, acknowledg-

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— Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts

edging the journey she has taken and what she has achieved. If she could have a moment to share with that younger Roberts, challenged by life and circumstance, she would encourage her to keep going.

"What do I tell that person? That it's going to be okay. You can do anything you want. And you are smart enough. That you're good enough and capable," she said. "You know, I've always put people first, whether I was managing a restaurant and with Robert Austin fuels and our customers and our other staff, and I've been able to do that in this role, whether it be with municipal staff or rate-payers, or my fellow councillors and colleagues. I love that part of it. So, I'd tell her don't worry. It's going to work out. A happy ending," she said.

## Parent volunteers are stepping up when needed

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operators were doing the best they could to retain drivers and support extracurricular activities.

Superintendent Kim Williams said extracurricular coaches were "working quite hard," on arranging transportation to take students to and from after school activities and events, first checking with bus companies, and if that is not an option due to the driver shortages, looking to parent volunteers who have completed the necessary paperwork to help.

Brohman asked if there was an honorarium for parents driving, and Williams said, "Each school handles that differently, we leave it up to them to manage their budgets, and they are entitled to do that."

Absence rate percentages under 30 per cent threshold

"We haven't had a lot of issues where we've had to consider moving classes online but I would say we've had five or six situations where we've had to do that," said Wes Hahn, director, in his report to the board.

"We're cautious about that, we know that if we see sudden spikes in schools as I described before we're going to be cautious and move them online. Right now, at this point in time we are managing it and we hope that it starts to subside, because it does create stress within a building. At this point we're not dealing with widespread online classes, but we're monitoring it on a day-to-day basis."

Hahn said "for the most part" schools across the board have stayed below the 30 per cent threshold for absences. He thanked superintendents and parents and families for screening and keeping their kids home while ill.

As of an April 14 update reporting the percentage of staff and students being

absent at each school, percentage rates are as follows: Archie Stouffer Elementary School, 16.4 per cent; Cardiff Elementary School, 13.3 per cent; Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, 19.3 per cent; J. Douglas Hodgson, 14 per cent; Stuart Baker Elementary School, 15.6 per cent and Wilberforce Elementary School, 13.3 per cent.

School rental available again

Since March, community use of schools has been available again, with school facilities in the area open for rentals by community groups for programming.

"With the recent lifting of restrictions by the province, the board has been able to allow community use of its facilities once again," said Tim Ellis, superintendent of business services, in his report to the board. "Groups offering programs such as youth basketball, community yoga, seniors fitness classes, etc., are able to once again obtain permits to use our facilities."

Some schools only allow rentals on weekends, he said, while others only allow rental of outdoor spaces at this time. Ellis said there were currently 76 active permits.

Rental rates were brought to cost recovery rates in May 2021, said Ellis, with some fees implemented and some existing fees increased to help cover costs to the board – not generate revenue - in providing the space.

"For example, new rates were used when providing community use permits to area health units carrying out vaccination clinics in our school facilities for their area community," said Ellis in his report.

TLDSB does not charge users for custodial fees for weekday rentals, unlike other boards in the area, and provides a heavily discounted rate for not-for-profit groups.

# Trash 'n Treasure gains new lease on life

*Renamed New to You Community Yard Sale will have the same spirit, new location*

DARREN LUM

Editor

The following are news briefs from Dysart et al's committee of the whole meeting on Tuesday, April 12, held virtually.

Those great finds are coming back ... to the arena.

The long-standing tradition of the community yard sale, Trash 'n Treasures is officially over after a two-year suspension due to the pandemic.

However, a partnership with the Municipality of Dysart et al and the Rails End Gallery is going to ensure the event keeps the "legacy of the event" alive with this new incarnation, New to You Community Yard Sale scheduled from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on July 16 at the parking lot for the LaRue Arena in Haliburton.

"Really, because we're trying to promote a community aspect yard sale we've rebranded and renamed the event to be The New to You Community Yard Sale," John Watson of public works said.

The advantage of having it at the parking lot is how it is not destructive to the grass and that it permits vendors to drive to their sites, he added. A stall constitutes two parking spots for \$30 plus HST. There will be room for 35 stalls. Revenue from this event and future events will "fund the commission of the creation of an environmentally-themed public art piece incorporating upcycled and repurposed materials," he said.

Watson added through a potential partnership, there could be "satellite" sites chosen to hold events at various locations in the municipality such as at the West Guilford Community Centre, Harcourt Community Centre, the Haliburton 4Cs Thrift Shop, and hold sales at the Thrift Warehouse on the same day.

"And even if residents were having yard sales or garage sales on their own property they can tie into the same event, so people could do a day of yard sales throughout the community," he said. "This really supports Dysart's reuse activities and kind of coming back out of COVID and being able to gather again. A good celebration of our community," he said.

Councillor Larry Clarke asked about giving preference for Dysart residents to register for stalls. Events and recreation coordinator Andrea Mueller said it was not exactly known how to set that up with how the online registration is currently set for the event.

Also, Clarke praised the idea for how it will keep articles out of the landfill.

Deputy Mayor Pat Kennedy said the first thing he thought was "where is everyone going to park?"

He wants staff to consider policing to control traffic, but appreciated the merits of the event.

Watson said they believe there will be "spinoff" from the day because people will park in places that walk through town, possibly see other things as they go to the event.

Mayor Andrea Roberts said the township needs to have someone directing traffic to ensure there is traffic flow, particularly for emergency personnel who require access to the roads have it.

Register on the town website. The committee of the whole recommended council to approve.

## Pothole repair timelines?

During the presentation by director of public works Rob Cameron about win-

ter roads, Councillor Larry Clarke asked about when the public can expect pothole repairs to begin.

"If it keeps up the way it is I'd say in the south end, we may even try grading next week. You know, kind of middle of next week or towards the end. Certainly, the further north you go the longer it's going to take. They're generally two to three weeks behind us," he said. "I was up there last week and there were still two-foot snowbanks, so, maybe, Councillor Smith can look out his window and tell me what's up there now, but it's certainly not ready for a grader now. We'd just fall through the road and we'd be into a reconstruction for sure."

## Parks and Recreation department update by Andrew Wilbee

The long-running Coby Islander returned after two years and was held over the weekend. The ice will be removed this week and staff are readying the parks for the spring, including preparation to bring the docks out.

## Charitable community sewing

A group of sewers who meet regularly at the Harcourt Community Centre have been putting their skills towards producing quilts for cancer patients, and residents who have lost homes to fire in collaboration with Victoria Quilts in Ottawa. This partnership is responsible for producing more than 300 quilts over the years. The quilts measure 50" x 70".

"It's amazing what some of them do. One of them doesn't have transportation and people go and pick her up and bring her to the hall. They work away," Mueller said, as presented during the Harcourt Community Centre report.

Also, the Ladies Committee, has given to four charities. This past year the group donated \$2,000 to the community from fundraisers held over the year. Mueller encourages others in the community to use the Harcourt Community Centre.

"That's great. That's great to hear," Roberts said.

## Ball hockey rebounds

Presented by Mueller, she said to start, "Finally, programming. Back to what we had before."

The town's Recreational Ball Hockey program is making a return after a two year suspension because of the pandemic, which included health measures and the occupation of the arena by the vaccination clinic.

The six-week program for youth ages six and up starts Tuesday, May 3. Registration is going well, but a few more volunteers are needed to help coach the six to eight-year-old age group. Mueller said the return of his type of programming is welcomed.

"Just looking forward to having some programming take place that is more structured and not just a drop-in program," she said.

## Permit values remain high since 2020

The two year total up to March for building permits is \$25,867,000 compared to the previous two year total of only \$7,661,000 for the same period.

"The change this year is that we're seeing a lot more accessory buildings than we are new dwellings at this time of year, so, again, we're being bombarded with accessory buildings this year Karl Kor-

pela, chief said, as presented during the building permit report. "That's about the only change. Permanent [residence] numbers are still high."



## Sign of spring

This year's winner of the Head Lake Ice Out contest is Angelica Ingram, who guessed all the ice on Head Lake would be gone by 5 p.m. on April 15, which was within an hour or so of when the last ice was determined to be out this year (as seen in this photo). The next closest guesses were a day before and a day after. Ingram will be presented a gift card in lieu of a one-year subscription to the Echo because she is a subscriber. Submitted by David Zilstra

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# Jamie Schmale disappointed by federal budget

DARREN LUM

Editor

Spending what we don't have is no way to resolve the challenges facing our country said Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MP Jamie Schmale, as a response to the federal budget.

He contends the pledges being made in this budget are being done with the "credit card" and that the deficit is being paid down by "unexpected windfall" from oil and gas revenues.

"The price of oil and gas are up. Inflation is helping the government take in more money, but yet instead of paying off debt or getting spending under control, the government has pledged a whole slew of new programs that have been paid for on the credit card," he said.

Schmale said when you look at the interest rate the government will spend almost \$2 billion a month on interest and he said with rising interest rates that could go up.

This he said will make it so that any government will have less flexibility to deliver programs and services that people need.

More than \$31 billion is being pledged over the next five years, which included about a third to housing in the budget delivered by Finance Minister Chrystia Freeland earlier this month. This includes a tax-free First Home Savings Account, which will allow Canadians under 40 to save up to \$40,000 towards the purchase of a first home. Contributions will be tax-deductible and withdrawals made towards a purchase of a first home would not be taxed. Over five years, the support amounts to \$725 million. Another initia-

tive to help with housing is the launch of a Housing Accelerator Fund, which hopes to help municipalities speed up housing development. It's expected to create 100,000 new housing units. It will cost \$4 billion over five years. The rapid housing initiative continues and offers \$1.5 million, delivered over two years is expected to help create 6,000 new housing units to assist in addressing homelessness.

Schmale said how much of these pledges that makes its way here to the Highlands has yet to be determined.

"The rapid housing initiative has not been working lately. We've actually doubled the price of housing," he said.

He added the average price of a home is close to \$800,000. Schmale said the problem is the supply.

He cited issues with misdirected funds and how inflation is hitting a 30-year high.

"So, we need to actually tackle the supply issue ... we're seeing interest rates start to rise. Put a damper on housing prices. I think most realtors are already saying that the market is starting to slow. We have an issue with the cost of building. The ability to build being a real problem. We also have a shortage of skilled trades people that we need to address as well," he said. "So, I support any measures in the budget or otherwise that show people a path to the skilled trades to make it easier for them to be part of that."

Besides encouraging people about the benefits of the trades, which includes strong income opportunities, it's also important to enable young people to consider the trades for careers while in school. Schmale said improving the housing supply could be helped by getting more people to enter the trades, but it also

depends on reducing the red tape around the issuing of building permits.

"The other way is to work with the provinces and municipalities to work to speed up the timetable in which building permits are issued," he said.

He used the example of building on water when it requires different levels of government, which adds to the cost of a home.

"It can be a deterrent in many cases if you're trying to keep the price low. Yes, the shortage of labour does play into that as well. The price of material right now plays into that as well. But at the end of the day, we're still overspending by about \$50 billion this year in the budget, which we added up over last year, and last year is up over the year before and all of it a great majority of it is done with printing money," he said.

When Schmale was asked for a solution to helping our most vulnerable, the documented and undocumented homeless in Haliburton County, he said everything stems from not spending money we don't have.

"We are printing money. We are devaluing our currency. We are basically taking people's savings accounts and making it worth less. It's great to say we can come up with a program, but at the same time if you don't address the actual problem [about] what is creating this situation it's only going to get worse, so you don't keep printing money and keep running the country on the credit card. As the economy improves and then expect prices to come down immediately and the problems that were created because of government to automatically fix themselves," he said.

Schmale, who is the vice-chair of the

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— MP Jamie Schmale

standing committee on Indigenous and Northern Affairs, acknowledged there were things he liked in the budget.

In particular, the pledges for Indigenous people amounting to \$11 billion pledge over six years to help with housing, reconciliation and residential school support

"They have made a number of commitments if they follow through with I think we'll be moving in the right track for a lot of Indigenous communities that need clean drinking water and other assistance such as measures to move away from the Indian Act. So, those are all good things which I look forward to working with the government on," he said.

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# County approves Climate Change Adaptation Plan

STEPHEN PETRICK

*Special to the Echo*

A thorough document which details how Haliburton County should re-imagine infrastructure, recreational and health initiatives to cope with changing climate will now guide municipal planning.

It's a needed plan, given that the county is already experiencing more extreme weather events, such as extreme heat days, storms and droughts, all of which threaten the amicable, rural lifestyle the region is known for.

The county's Corporate Climate Change Adaptation Plan received final approval at council's April 13 virtual meeting, meaning the plan will be shared with the county's four municipalities; Dysart et al, Algonquin Highlands, Highlands East and Minden Hills.

The report's approval was anti-climatic, as a motion to accept it passed with no debate or comments, other than offers of congratulations to Haliburton climate change co-ordinator Korey McKay.

However, it was a monumental moment, given that Haliburton County leaders have considered climate change implications with almost every move they've made for several months, dating back to McKay's hiring in 2019. Typically, every request for action that comes to the Haliburton County council table, lists how the decision could impact climate change.

The plan lists specific actions the county should take on infrastructure, recreation, health and strategic planning. For example, under infrastructure, action plan 1.3 calls for municipalities to "incor-

porate green infrastructure and low impact development including permeable pavement, green roofs, rain gardens, and native plants on municipal properties."

Under recreation, action plan 4.1 asks municipalities to "identify public spaces that are at risk of flooding, washouts or oversaturation and prioritize additional drainage measures."

Under health, action 8.1 says municipalities should "continue to use municipal facilities to provide support during extreme weather events" and "consider expanding the number of buildings and hours of operation for cooling and warming centres, or emergency sites during overland flooding and power outages."

The executive summary of the plan notes that "although climate change is occurring globally, the impacts are felt at the local level. The County of Haliburton is experiencing more extreme weather, prolonged heatwaves, flooding events, and milder winters, among other impacts."

The plan stated that 2011-2020 was the warmest decade on record, following a long-term warming trend since pre-industrial levels and that "Haliburton County can expect to see a 2.2 C rise in the mean temperature in the immediate future (2021-2050) and 4.4 C rise in the near future (2051-2080)."

On the topic of rain, the plan says "a warmer climate stimulates the evaporation of water and allows the atmosphere to hold more moisture. This results in a more intense hydrological cycle, with rainfall concentrated in more extreme events with longer dry spells in between."

"Haliburton can expect to see 1,044 millimetres of rain in the immediate future

(2021- 2050) and 1,078 millimetres in the near future (2051-2080), compared to a baseline of 981 millimetres."

Yet, because climate change leads to extreme weather events, projections also call for long dry spells when it's not raining. This will also mean that water levels in rivers and lakes will fluctuate greatly. "Overall we can expect to see higher highs and lower lows," the plan says.

County staff intend for the plan to be a

"living document" that is updated based on changes in available information, data, funding and staffing resources.

"This plan is only the start of a process that will require action across all departments and embedding adaptation into operational culture," it says.

## Canskate can Gala

Canskate skaters ended the evening filling the ice with colour while skating to *Rainbow Connection* during the Minden Skating Club Gala show to end the season. /SUE TIFFIN Staff



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## Taking lessons in loss

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With a packed crowd, mostly Haliburton County Huskies fans, the community showed its support this past Sunday, with a belief in a team that has represented the Highlands with grit and determination this inaugural season in the Ontario Junior Hockey League. Perhaps their character and core strengths are a mirror of our hard working, never say die community, who has faced adversity and has persisted.

I found it fitting then that despite the obvious disappointment with an opening 5-3 loss to the visiting Cobourg Cougars on Sunday, April 17, a man, who had been cheering for the Huskies, stood up and applauded. There may have been more fans who followed suit, but I just didn't notice. I'm sure the sentiment was shared. I wouldn't expect less.

Earlier in the game, the home team had just surrendered three unanswered goals in what seemed like successive plays during the third period of what had been a tight checking game, full of big hits and near misses. It could have ended the game right there. Those goals scored in the way they were in rapid succession were demoralizing. And, yet, the fans of the Huskies chanted in unison, 'Let's go Huskies! Let's go Huskies!' The building shook. The Huskies responded not very long after, as if lifted and spurred on, if not inspired. They reeled off two unanswered goals to make it 4-3. It was a new game. Although the comeback ultimately fell short, the effort wasn't in vain. The fight exhibited is true to the team's character, which was also evident just a week earlier in the opening round when the Huskies were down in that best-of-three series. Roll-

ing over isn't possible with the Huskies. They may lose, but it won't be from a lack of effort. I would like to believe in the idea of winning coming from doing everything you can. Putting everything on the line for achievement despite the odds.

There is a lot we can gain from losing. Using the often used cliché about losing a battle, but winning the war seems apt, as the best-of-three game series isn't over after one loss. It may seem like an exaggeration, but life can be like sport. When you're struggling and nothing seems to be going right and you find support from a loved one, an encouraging word or two, or someone throws you a smile to say, it'll be alright you're going to be fine it helps. During the pandemic there has been division, but there has also been support for one another. I think more support than division. That's just me maybe. What's the good in adopting the alternative mindset?

Let's step back and remember this time last year Haliburton County didn't have a junior hockey team to cheer for. Heck, we didn't have much to cheer for at all as a province and a country, with the pandemic and various provincial health measures encouraging gatherings be small and social circles tight.

There is no denying that rates of infection for COVID-19 have gone up and that people are suffering.

However, even in a gathering when the outcome was not the ideal there was joy in the sharing even in defeat.

By the time you read this, the Huskies may have lost the second game and been eliminated in the best-of-three series. Or they may have fought to live for another day. Whatever the outcome like any team you have grown to love, or any family you are part of, or any community you call home, there will be a belief and hope for something better. That may be a victory, or that may just be an opportunity to grow. And isn't that all we can ask for?



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lum*

## Editorial

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Spring runoff

by Darren Lum

## Not as planned

**T**HE DAY wasn't starting out well. Despite the forecast, when Chad and Ellen looked out their window, they saw the rain was turning to a slushy mess. Their trip to Toronto wasn't optional. People were depending on them. The sky hung heavy and low as the semi-solid nuisance precipitation continued to fall.

With Lucy the dog settled in the back and the trailer loaded and hitched to the car, they were ready to head out. The plan was to drop the equipment and trailer at their friend's on the way, picking up the trailer on the return trip. Lucy was excited for her big adventure with her humans and she sat upright and alert, waiting to see what would happen next. Like all dogs, she hoped whatever it was, food would be involved.

Once on the road, the windshield wipers did their job and Ellen started to relax back into her seat. Both she and Chad knew it was going to be a long day. But it was always pleasant to have a day together, just the two of them. Family gossip, town politics and weather predictions kept the conversation flowing. By the time they reached their friend's farm, the drop-off point for the gym equipment, all seemed good. The rain had even petered out and now the sun had lifted itself above the eastern horizon. Tree tops glowed as its rays spread softly through the moist air.

As they pulled into their friend's lane, Ellen remarked on the mud. Wishing she had remembered to bring rubber boots, she told Chad she might just stay in the car as he unhitched the trailer. She could chat with her friend through the car window while he did what he needed to do. Meanwhile Lucy was restless in the back, wondering why they had stopped and what was coming next.

Sometimes we do stupid things and later wonder where our head was at. Ellen had just opened her car door, not to get out but to show off her new

shoes. Chad was fiddling with chains and hitches. Lucy saw her chance and took it. Leaping into the empty driver's seat, she then bolted over Ellen's lap and out the car.

Ellen wondered what the big attraction was to cause Lucy such excitement. As she disappeared from sight around the back of the house, Ellen realized she'd have to go get the dog, new shoes and all. The mud sucked at her soles as she stepped out and into it. Calling Lucy, she proceeded to where the dog had gone.

It was the compost pile. A large mound of kitchen scraps and miscellaneous bio-degradable items, accumulating since the fall, was the magnet for Lucy and her nose had told her what and where it was. As Ellen saw the mound she also saw Lucy. The dog was rolling merrily in the mess, now even messier after the slushy rain. Twisting and squirming, Lucy was trying to get as much of the stinky stuff all over herself so as to preserve the smell and take it with her.

Ellen's heart sank. Muddy new shoes were one thing. But a compost-smelling dog in the car all day was not what she had planned. As she pulled Lucy back to the car, she noticed Chad standing at an odd angle. Raising her eyebrows questioningly, he explained. As he had started to lift the heavy equipment from the trailer, something went wrong in his back. Ellen asked if he'd be able to drive or should she take over.

Reassuring her he was fine to continue, they eased themselves back into the car. She with the muddy new shoes, he with the new bad back and both of them treated to Lucy's scent. They had about ten more hours ahead of them before returning home. The sun, now well above the horizon, showed no signs of going away. It turned the world into a place of sparkling optimism. And so the three of them soldiered onward.

*Down*



*sharon  
lynch*

**Our road**

# points of view

## Don't book me

**L**AST WEEK I went to the post office and picked up a book on fly fishing that I ordered from Amazon. Normally, I shop locally but this book was hard to find and out of print, so I ordered it from a used book shop in the United Kingdom. Little did I know this one innocent act would implicate me in what is possibly an international criminal enterprise.

You see, when I opened the book, it had a library card pocket in the front and several stickers and barcodes that indicated it had previously belonged to a public library in Iowa, USA.

Though this came as a complete surprise, and though I knew I did nothing wrong, deep down I also knew that the optics were terrible.

Then I saw someone had stamped "Discarded" on the inside cover, and for a while I felt as if there was no problem.

Until Jenn, who had just finished her library technician's course and knows a thing or two about libraries, told me that this is the first thing any criminal mastermind selling ill-gotten library books would do. Apparently, it's an old trick that throws the authorities off the scent. The second thing they do, according to Jenn, is send the book to a co-conspirator in a foreign country like the UK and then have them sell it to someone in another country, say Canada. It's book-laundering 101.

Call me naive, but I had no idea prior to Jenn educating me.

But now I am pretty sure I am in possession of a long overdue library book, with the fines very likely still accumulating in US funds as we speak. And I suspect Interpol is slowly unravelling the case.

But Jenn was trying to help me, God bless her. So, I did what she asked. Yes, I emailed Interpol to let them know that I was an unwitting participant in this – a mere pawn in their illicit game. But they didn't respond to my email or to the many voice mail messages I left. So now, all I can do is wait until they send a team to apprehend me.

As if an internationally-covered trial at The Hague is not enough to worry about, the library card pocket inside the book said it was last taken out in 2006. That means, unless I can prove that I was not the person who last took out the book, I will face a substantial library fine too, which will very likely be the ruin of me.

What Jenn told me I should fear most though is defending my case in front of the International Librarian Supreme Court, which, apparently, many people do not know even exists because it is so hush-hush.

The good news, Jenn said, was that because they are librarians, they will be reticent to throw the book at me. And, if I can make a sound case, they might even allow me to renew it.

And while that would be nice, it still would not be just.

When I forked out my \$27.50, I had no idea that this book was heisted from some mid-western library. It's not like they advertised that.

Yes, I fully understand that to take down the lucrative library book selling cartels, you need to destroy the demand by starting with the users and working your way up. But I am not the criminal here. I just wanted an out-of-print book.

So, I will hold my head up high and demand justice. And, hopefully, it will not be overdue.



## Loon Tales

steve  
galea



## pic of the past

**T**he season for sitting on porches and verandas will soon be upon us! This lovely example was on the home of W.R. and Jessie Curry when the house was constructed at the corner of Highland and Pine in 1911. The Curry family had moved to Haliburton from Glamorgan Township in 1906. Submitted by Kate Butler of the Haliburton Highlands Museum

## Agnes Jamieson Gallery letdown

### To the editor,

I was recently informed that Laurie Carmount was no longer working at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery and that there is debate over how the space will now be financed and managed. For 20 years, I forged a great relationship with Laurie and the gallery. I have had four exhibitions, given talks and workshops there. Due to the gallery's connection with the Ontario Arts Council (OAC), I have been able to apply for Exhibition Assistance grants to assist with financing these and other shows.

I have been approached by several others with similar concerns to my own and informed that they would have an opportunity to speak to the Minden Hills council about this on April 28. Last week, I was told however that the council is only providing the group 15 minutes. How can they be expected to summarize these concerns in this ridiculously short period? It makes one feel certain that the council is completely uninterested in what they have to say about the gallery, its management and continued connection with the OAC.

Some say that the gallery was not connected to local arts enough. I dispute this. In 2020, I had an exhibition there about local mining in the late-19th century that I worked on with local landowners and historians. I took an enthusiastic group of locals on a hike to the old mining sites, the inspiration for the show. Last year, my partner was in an exhibition of 20 to 30 local artists. Laurie has worked with several local artists on plein air workshops. She was building a collection of Andre Lapine's work, a good artist who did many works in Haliburton County. Laurie has had to show work from outside the county to continue to receive finances from the OAC but the funding received from them likely helped the municipality with the burden of financing the gallery.

Laurie Carmount was doing a great job and the gallery was functioning well. It was a proud institution, something special in this county. Too bad the Minden Hill's council is unable to see this.

Gary Blundell  
Highlands East

## Inflation!

### To the Editor,

Last time Dougie Ford was seeking election, he rained \$20 bills on Toronto social housing residents - presumably his money. This time he's mailing three-figure cheques to every driver -

assuredly our money. I wish I had the data to calculate THAT rate of inflation!

Fay Martin  
Minden

## Beautifying our place in the world

### To the Editor,

The other day, my husband witnessed an amazing act of kindness and community responsibility.

Darren Lum was picking up garbage along the route that he cycles. Not his garbage. Not his job.

Simply a wonderful human being cleaning up the community that he loves.

Thank you, Darren, the world needs more peo-

ple like you!

Kim Stamp  
Haliburton

*Editors note: Credit is appreciated, but I welcome others to do your own part by picking up one piece of trash/recycling and dispose of responsibly every day.*

**Letters to the Editor note:** Submissions must not exceed 300 words, and are subject to editing for newspaper style and punctuation.

## Forest frolic for Easter

The Easter Bunny scurries with his bag of eggs at the Easter at the Gardens event hosted by Abbey Gardens on Saturday, April 16, located a few minutes from West Guilford.

The holiday event included an egg hunt, secret message scavenger hunt, treat bags, cookie decoration station, story time, and pony selfies. More than 500 people attended the holiday event at the former quarry pit. /DARREN LUM Staff



Three-year-old Ivy Tink runs for more eggs during the hunt at the Easter at the Gardens event.



The Easter Bunny greets people at the Easter at the Gardens event.



Siblings Lucas, five, and Allison, three, decorate cookies at the Gardens event hosted by Abbey Gardens on Saturday, April 16.

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# Get back what we put in

The essential difference between living in a rural community and an urban centre is that if you are going to make it work you can't just live in a rural community, you join it. Cities provide endless rewarding ways to spend our time without making any kind of commitment, going to restaurants, shops, events, theatres, galleries, courses and so forth. We go, enjoy ourselves and go on to the next bright thing. COVID, of course, put an end to most of that over the last two years. But I hear from my friends to the south that the city is waking up again, and joy may return to city life this summer.

COVID took our joy away too during the past two years, but it won't just "come back" to us the way it does in the city. Here, joy comes from what we do together. Our festivals and events and shows and dinners are home made. We have to make it come back.

Every single community group that I know of needs help this spring. Not just financial help, people help. For two years they've been frozen in place, no way to bring in new members or new ideas as old members age and struggle to keep the home fires burning. Now they have to start all over again.

So, let's think about what brought joy to our lives two years ago before it all went sideways. What is that brought you here, and kept you here? Is it the beauty of our natural world around us? The lakes, the bush, the wildlife? Is it the warmth of

the community? The gatherings, the dinners, the camaraderie at the curling club, the Legion, the quilting group, the book club? Is it the celebrations, the fairs, the festivals, the music nights, the shows? Is it the good feeling that comes from helping people you know, after reading with a child, or filling a shift at a food bank, or bringing someone home from a medical appointment?

These things, even in our natural world, are things that we have to take care of ourselves. The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust, the Friends of the Rail Trail, the Haliburton Highlands Outdoor Association's are examples of the groups who continue to work to preserve the beauty of this place for all of us. Other groups work to preserve the warmth of our community for us, like our Fair Boards, our Fundraising groups for youth, our local theatre, museums, the Folk society, etc. They are still here, and still trying to bring us together to keep our home the way we want it, warm, safe, joyful. But they can't do that without you, because they, at the end of the day, are made of us.

So pick what you really love about this place. And make a call. And join in. Because that's why you're here, in the first place.

*Submitted by Joan Barton  
This is a monthly column, providing  
a spotlight and the happenings in  
Highlands East.*

## SIRCH has high hopes for transportation program

STEPHEN PETRICK

*Special to the Echo*

Haliburton County council hopes a new SIRCH-led transportation program will help get people to the employment training they need and eventually address a skilled labour shortage that's hampering the economy and local employers.

Councillors recently gave a hearty endorsement and financial backing to a new pilot program being led by the well-known social organization, whose long title is Supportive Initiative for Residents in the County of Haliburton.

SIRCH recently leased an eight-person van and hired a driver. The driver can now pick up people, who are enrolled in SIRCH employment training programs, but don't have their own means of transportation, and get them to their training.

SIRCH, based at 49 Maple Ave. in Haliburton, runs programs for local residents who are preparing to enter the workforce, including the Cook It Up program and Ready for Retail.

The hope is that now more people in remote, rural areas, areas will have access to training for the fields of hospitality, retail and carpentry and, eventually, access to employment.

"We often hear that businesses struggle to find good employees," said county chief administrative officer Mike Rutter, while promoting the program to councillors at their April 13 virtual meeting. The program, he said, "connects a lot of dots."

Rutter was speaking, following a deputation by Janine Mitchell, the manager of Human Services for the City of Kawartha Lakes, which is also a partner in the project.

Councillors eventually supported the recommendation to fund \$20,000 towards the pilot project.

Council had already put aside \$200,000 over the past four years for a transportation program; it was just waiting for the right model to come along.

Rutter said, when he heard about the program from Mitchell it was quite timely because, under provincial funding formulas, municipalities are given incentives for creating transportation programs. By supporting the program, Haliburton County may be eligible to receive more gas tax funding by 2023.

Because of this, no councillor showed any objection and the vote passed unanimously.

"For \$20,000, it's a pretty cheap ticket for us to get our toe in the water," said Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin.

A report to council indicated how the program will work.

"The driver is available to pick up in the morning and drop [participants] off at the end of the training day. This service will extend through the two to 16 week training programs as well as for the first three months of placement or employment, following training, a period that is crucial to successful long-term employment.

"There is no fee while individuals are attending training. In addition to simply providing a way to get to training or work, the driver will assist individuals to find longer term solutions to transportation. That might be locating someone to share a ride, helping the trainee get a licence, or helping them find an affordable way to get their car or truck on the road."

SIRCH has also projected several outcomes of the pilot project. The organization believes the program will provide training and employment to 20 people who would not receive it otherwise.

It also believes that anywhere from six to 15 Ontario Works or Ontario Disability Support Program recipients per week will benefit from transportation to meetings and appointments to assist with stability supports.

The report to council also noted that, if successful, the pilot program could be expanded to serve other service areas such as the Youth Hub and organizations that support mental health.

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# Part-time sick leave policy approved by library board

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

*The following are brief reports of items discussed during an April 13 meeting of the Haliburton County Public Library board.*

Part-time employees with the Haliburton County Public Library now have access to 14 hours total sick leave time.

The benefit came into effect March 25, and last week library board members approved a procedural policy to help answer questions staff might have.

In the policy, Chris Stephenson, library CEO/chief librarian, wrote the sick leave was proposed "as a result of the pandemic and the need for protecting employee health and the well-being of our library colleagues."

"It's one way that employers can a show that they care about all of their employees, and b) incentivize people to stay home when they're sick so it doesn't lead to an outbreak amongst all of our staff," he told the board. "If someone has a more precarious situation with respect to part-time hours, they may feel compelled to come in even if they're not feeling well."

All part-time library employees will receive 14 hours total sick leave time at the beginning of each calendar year, a total of seven hours can be carried over into the following year, to a maximum of 21 hours max accumulation. The leave can be used for the employee to care for an immediate family member who is sick, with approval, to stay home if sick themselves, or to attend treatment sessions or surgeries. Generally, the longest shift a part-time employee has is six hours long.

"As an employer, we're not required

[under the Employment Standards Act] to offer sick leave benefits for part-time staff," Stephenson told the *Echo*. "However, as I said in the meeting, we want to ensure that staff are able to make choices to stay home if they are sick, so that our workplace stays healthy." The board had questions about how the process worked as sick days are offered upon employment as opposed to being accumulated like vacation days, but were all supportive of the benefit.

"I like the idea," said Dysart et al Mayor and board vice-chair Andrea Roberts. "We have a very small staff, we want to be a reputable employer who looks after their staff ... You can't wait until someone gets sick to earn sick days ... I really believe as an employer that this is the better policy."

"This is exactly why this is in place and I agree 100 per cent," said board member David O'Byrne. "We should not change this at all."

Board member Curry Humphreys, who has an extensive human resources background, said she appreciates that a total of seven hours can be carried over to the following year.

"I think rollovers are really, really good because what they do is allow an employee who only gets two days in sick time to hold it over until they're really, really sick, with some sort of catastrophic illness or other," she said. "It will really help those employees when they have something serious come up, I'm not talking about a sniffle or a headache, I'm talking about a significant time, they can build up a bank that makes a big difference in their lives. It's a good thing."

"I have to say, I think this is really great," said board chair Sally Howson. "There are so few organizations that do

this for their part-time employees, and I think it's wonderful."

"This policy, and the idea for the benefit, was very much borne out of a need, given the pandemic that came along and changed the workplace in so many ways," said Stephenson.

## Gas mileage increase matched to county rate

At the March 16 meeting of the library board, the board supported Stephenson increasing the mileage rate from 45 cents per kilometre to 59 cents, reviewing that rate in a month's time. The joint council recommended rate is 57.5 cents and the Canada Revenue Agency recommended rate is 61 cents.

After that meeting, the county also increased the mileage rate, to 61 cents per kilometre for the first 5,000 kilometres and 55 cents for distances after, according to CRA reasonable allowance rates.

The library board agreed last week to increase the rate to 61 cents, as per the CRA recommended rate.

"I just think for consistency's sake we should probably do the same as the county," said Algonquin Highlands Deputy Mayor, County Warden and board member Liz Daniels.

## Programming in place and planned

Andrea Brown, programming and outreach co-ordinator, introduced herself to the board and spoke to the programming she has been putting in place since her start at the library late last year.

Brown said partnerships have been formed and programming is taking place with groups including EarlyON, the Haliburton County Master Gardeners, John Howard Society and Fleming College, Point in Time, the University of Guelph, local artists and genealogist Adele Espina offering workshops, information sessions and kits and supplies for library patrons.

"You certainly have been busy and it sounds like you've made some great partnerships already," Roberts said. "A library is a community hub, we don't just operate all by ourselves, so I just love this collaborative effort and things you're doing."

Further information about upcoming programming is available at [haliburtonlibrary.ca](http://haliburtonlibrary.ca) or through the HCPL social media channels.

## Presenting on a library vehicle

Stephenson presented, for information only, on his proposal to one day procure a library courier/programming vehicle.

While previously the library's courier used their own vehicle, Stephenson said for numerous reasons, including access and ownership of the vehicle, it was more appropriate for the library to have their own vehicle as other library systems do.

"Our library system makes the top three list of county library systems that serve the largest geography in all of Ontario," said Stephenson. In Simcoe County, librarians said their delivery van is their "most visible" service, said Stephenson, as it provides advertising while transporting materials and operating as a bookmobile. In Bruce County, more of an RV is used to help offer a library on location when needed.

Stephenson said besides promoting the library by being visible throughout the community, a vehicle could help run pop-up programs, take part in events such as Stanhope Heritage Day, move furniture around and transport items across the system, and deliver materials.

Couriers hired to work with HCPL shouldn't have to put "wear and tear" on their own vehicles, said Stephenson. He also said through the last hiring process he learned that without a library vehicle, the employee had to provide the right type of vehicle for the role. For the HCPL to maintain presence as an equitable employer and not discriminate against potential employees whose vehicle might limit them to the job, a library vehicle was required.

Stephenson said currently the library is borrowing a county vehicle until Sept. 1.

"The very idea that we're thinking about buying a vehicle at all is something we need to think about and process, it's a new idea," Daniels said. "To be quite honest when I first heard that we were thinking of buying a vehicle I thought, well, that's just crazy. But I don't think it's so crazy anymore. Having listened to your presentation, the thoughts, what we could possibly do with it in the future, I think it's worth considering."

Humphreys thanked Stephenson for the information, and said the vehicle should assist in reaching a strategic objective, which hasn't yet been settled on by the board.



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## Huskies comeback falls short

Haliburton County Huskies forwards Patrick Saini, and Christian Stevens look to score against Cobourg Cougars goalie Justin Easter in the last minute of the game during the second round of the OJHL playoffs on Sunday, April 17 at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden. The Huskies lost 5-3 to the visitors. /DARREN LUM Staff



Haliburton County Huskies goalie Christian Cicigoi stares down a shot.



Haliburton County Huskies fans cheer the team, following a goal being scored late in the third period.



Haliburton County Huskies forward Patrick Saini celebrates a goal (the Huskies second of the game).



A fan of the Haliburton County Huskies cheers for the home team.

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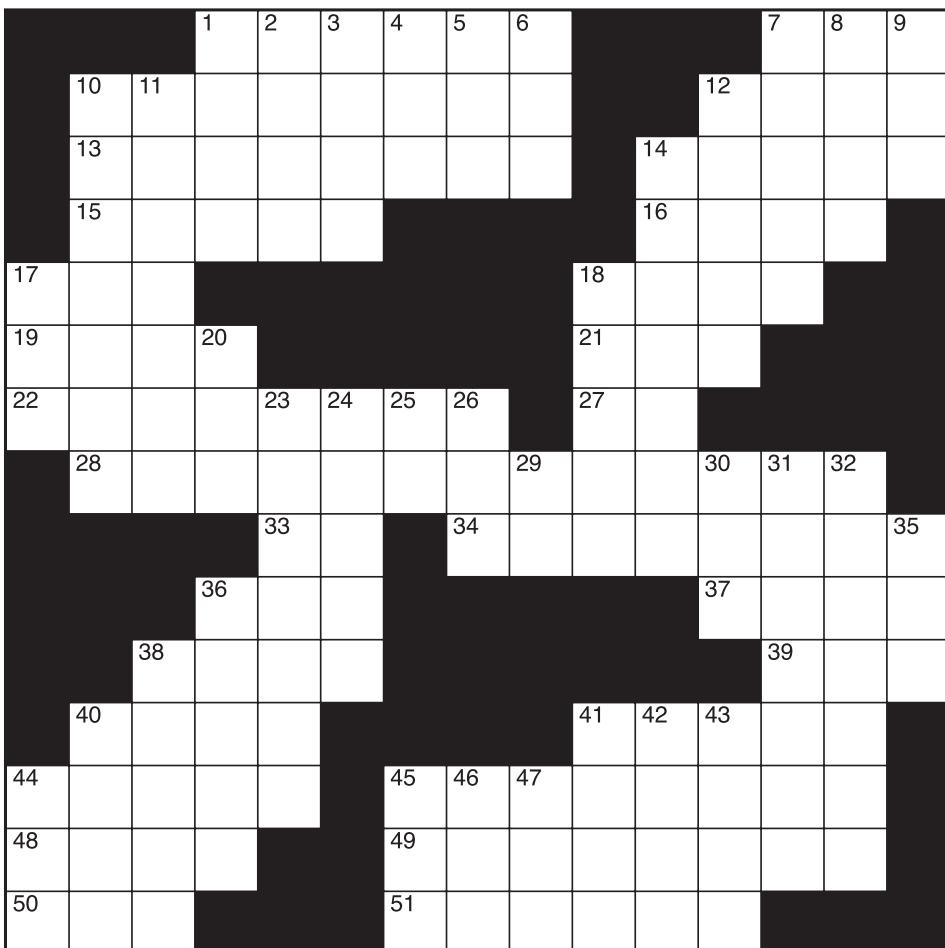
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18. Brews
19. Mild yellow Dutch cheese
21. Mild expression
22. Solitary
27. Distance to top
28. The rebirth of a soul in a new body
33. Police who investigate police (abbr.)
34. Begrudging
36. Popular sports league
37. Autonomous republic of Russia
38. Double-headed drum
39. Type of light bulb
40. Czech River
41. Male servants (Span.)
44. Previously
45. Minor
48. Metrical foot
49. Days that follow Mondays
50. Small European viper
51. News shows have one

#### CLUES DOWN

1. Inspiration
2. Resembling wings
3. Form of Persian
4. Consumed

Answers on page 16



Haliburton County Huskies forward Bryce Richardson, from left, battles with Cobourg Cougars Tucker Firth during the second round of the OJHL playoffs on Sunday, April 17 at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden. The Huskies lost 5-3 to the visitors. /DARREN LUM Staff

## Cougars pounce on Huskies and take game one

ALEX GALLACHER

Special to the Echo

The Haliburton County Huskies found themselves in a similar position to their first round series against the Golden Hawks, as they dropped game one 5-3 to the Cobourg Cougars, Sunday, April 17 at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena.

Oliver Tarr got the game's first goal with less than a minute remaining in the first period, sending the packed house into a frenzy. Taking a deficit into the dressing room, the Cougars mounted a charge in the second and third periods.

The second period saw a lot of back and forth action from both sides. The teams tossed around big hits like they were shots on net, and the extra-curricular post-whistle conduct picked up. The teams chipped and chirped at each other, but the Cougars would net the only goal of the game.

AJ Cook took advantage of a Sam Solarino penalty to tie the game 1-1, burying a centering pass over the shoulder of Cicigoi. The Huskies valiantly played out the rest of the period however, the Huskies were in for a world of pain in the third period.

In just over one minute, the Cougars scored three unanswered goals. Starting at 3:32, Devon Thibodeau beat a

screened Cicigoi. Then, 43 seconds later, Zach Smith beat Cicigoi on an Adam Barone rebound. At 4:43, the Cougars added another with George Krotiris scoring on his own rebound, with a second effort.

The Huskies added two of their own as Patrick Saini buried a beautiful goal off a rebound from shot by Payton Schaly, while Schaly scored his own marker taking advantage of a rebound from a Isaac Sooklal shot. The Huskies pulled within one, but the Cougars got the last laugh. Team captain Tucker Firth managed to take advantage of his own rebound and score a nearly identical goal to that of Krotiris and Smith.

With the clock expiring, the Cougars claimed game one with a 5-3 win over the Huskies. The ramifications from the match will mean the game scheduled Monday, April 18 will be a do or die game for the Huskies (which concludes after the Echo's press time). Despite this loss, the Huskies have a stellar record in Cobourg only having lost twice in the regular season. While the Huskies look to avoid elimination, they hope a repeat of the comeback in the Trenton series will be in their future.

Should they be victorious in Cobourg, the Huskies will be back at the S.G. Nesbitt on Wednesday, April 20 for game three.

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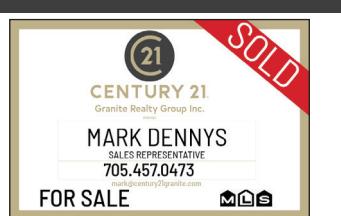
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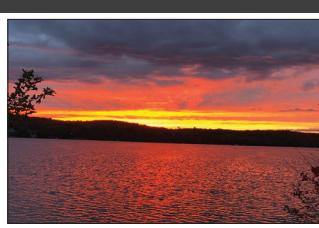
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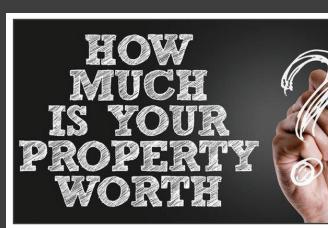
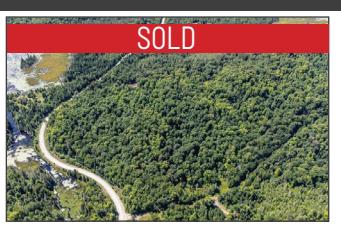
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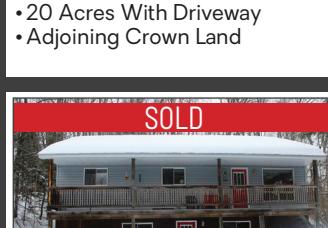
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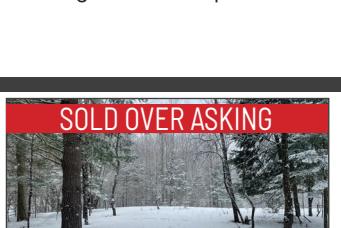
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# Huskies take down Trenton with series comeback

*Cougars next opponent in second round*

### ALEX GALLACHER

*Special to the Echo*

After being downed by the Golden Hawks in game one of the series 5-2, the Haliburton County Huskies stormed back to take the remaining two games in dramatic fashion, taking their first playoff series win, as well as locking up a home ice advantage against their second-round opponent the Cobourg Cougars.

On Wednesday [April 13], a packed house of more than 500 fans played witness to an absolute classic at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena. The dogs fell to a 2-0 deficit after the first, coming from a Dalton Bancroft deflection and Justin Mauro breakaway. However, not wanting to let the home crowd down, the Huskies got to work in the second.

Simon Rose kicked things off at 3:08 in the second period, scoring on a brilliant shot in front of the net. Scoring the team's first powerplay goal of the season, the lead was cut in half. Just before the period ended absolute calamity occurred in front of Hawks netminder William Nguyen.

A scramble in front led to Lucas Stevenson knocking the puck in off of a Golden Hawk glove.

With less than 30 seconds left in the period, the Huskies faithful sprang to life. The building erupted in cheers, while the visiting Trenton fans were left stunned at the other end.

Trenton had penalty trouble the whole game. After the second, they combined for a total of five penalties and one misconduct. However, the stellar Trenton penalty killing unit kept the team at only one power-play goal allowed.

The third kicked off with aggressive play and overall high intensity, but Stevenson would again find the back of the net for the most important goal of the game. Another scramble in front of Nguyen, caused the goalie to lose sight of the puck. Before Nguyen could react, the puck was past him, which gave the Huskies a 3-2 lead and all the momentum.

The Hawks pulled the goalie and mounted an all-out assault, but goalie Christian Cicigoi stood tall and stopped everything. Not letting the two early goals phase him, the goalie from Thunder Bay stood on his head to help the Huskies stay alive and force a deciding game three in Trenton on Thursday [April 14].

Heading into Thursday, the tensions were high and more than 100 Huskies fans made the journey down the highway to the Duncan McDonald Memorial Gardens. With both teams' seasons on the line and in enemy territory, the Huskies got to work quickly. Christian Stevens lit the lamp only five minutes into the game, burying a Patrick Saini rebound to put the dogs up by one after the first. The Hawks and Huskies battled like true rivals in the second period, with ample chances going both ways. Both Cicigoi and Nguyen stood tall – with all the marbles on the line for the Hawks, who needed a big third period to keep their Buckland Cup dreams alive.

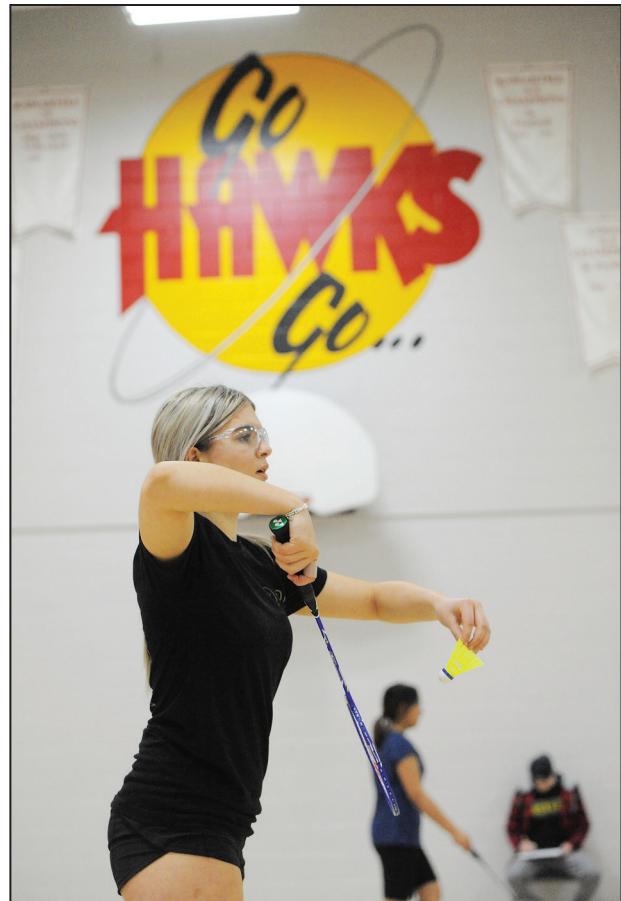
Seven minutes in and Noah Van Vliet scored an important insurance marker, with a top shelf goal against Nguyen, putting the Huskies up 2-0. A few minutes later the Hawks finally got one of their own, Tanner McEachern added a powerplay marker on the screen of Cicigoi and with 10 minutes the Hawks tossed everything they had at the Huskies.

Shot after shot, play after play, Cicigoi kept it all out. With the sound of the final buzzer the Huskies took the win and the series 2-1. The Huskies crowd was elated, but the Trenton fans were left stunned with disappointment once again.

The Huskies will have home ice advantage and had the edge this regular season, with the better head-to-head record against the Cougars. The winner of the series will claim the East Division and play the winner of the North Division series.

## Jr Kawartha qualifier results 2022

Ladies doubles team of Cheyenne Degeer and Avery Bullock finished sixth, with men's doubles Aiden Perrott and Cooper Coles finished second while fellow Hawks team Magnum Moshenko and Colby Coumbs finished third. Ladies singles player Sofie Mills finished fourth while men's singles player Ethan Dobson finished second. The mixed doubles team of Avery Degeer and Kara Chumbley finished fourth and Taylor Consack and Valerie Zagorsky finished fifth. The top-four advance to Kawartha Championship. Top-six finishers listed.



Junior Red Hawks badminton doubles player Autumn Winder reaches for a return.



Junior Red Hawks badminton doubles player Eva Bledung returns the shuttlecock.

Junior Red Hawks badminton doubles player Avery Bullock readies to serve during the Kawartha Qualifier tournament hosted at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School on Thursday, April 14 in Haliburton. The Kawartha championship is on Friday, April 22 at Campbellford District High School. /DARREN LUM Staff

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# **Artist Rose Pearson at new Corner Gallery in Haliburton**

JERELYN CRADEN

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*Special to the Echo*

Artist Rose Pearson's latest exhibit, The Art and Craft of Garden Making, brings the wonder of nature into the new Corner Gallery located in the historic Lucas House in the heart of Haliburton village. With nine pieces described as high realism and photo realism, ranging in size from 30" x 30" to 4 x 4 feet, her much-anticipated exhibit runs from Saturday, May 21 to Thursday, June 16.

"My new exhibit was inspired by a book of the same name, *The Art and Craft of Garden Making*, written at the turn of the century by British landscape architect, Thomas Mawson," Pearson said. "You could read a passage and see allusions to living life in the way he described things. There was a treasure trove of information in the writing."

She also drew inspiration from the hand-written, ornately embellished illuminated manuscripts from the Middle Ages, "especially those with flowers."

Now, after 15 years of digging dirt, digging up roots, moving rocks and making gardens at her house near

moving rocks and making gardens at her house West Guilford, her dream has become reality.

Pearson has been photographing and documenting wildflowers growing along the road on her morning walks for several years.

"I have reams of photographs of what was blooming. I became more interested in the shadows than the flowers themselves," she said. This can be seen reflected in her writing. Her first book, *Mystic Lake: Columbia's Hidden*

her piece, *Illuminated Manuscript, Lily, Columbine & Violet*. With an Honours Bachelor of Fine Arts, Visual Arts degree from York University, Pearson taught art for many years, then chose to focus her time on being a

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Rose Pearson's work (of oil and acrylic on canvas), *Blossoming*, measures 48" by 48". /Submitted



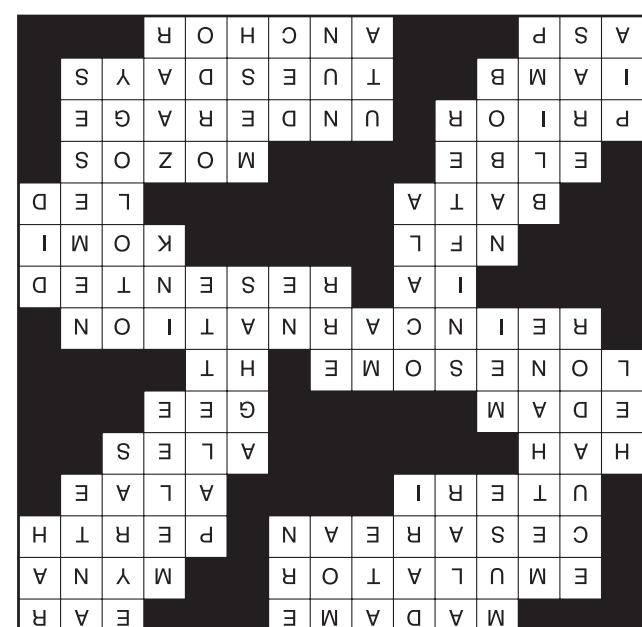
Rose Pearson's work (of oil, acrylic, plaster, lace curtains, on wood panel, *Illuminated Manuscript - Lily, Columbine & Violet*, measuring 30" by 30"

Pearson launching the official opening, we feel confident that the gallery will be a real boon to the community.

Following the Pearson exhibit will be the work of Canadian artists, mostly all who are from Ontario: John Lennard, landscape artist; Charles Pachter, internationally renown Canadian artist who drew much attention for his painting of the queen on moose-back; Byron Hodgins, landscape artist, and Andy MacLean, Nova Scotia landscape artist.

Corner Gallery is located at 123 Maple Avenue, Haliburton. For more information: [www.cornergallery.ca](http://www.cornergallery.ca) or call Pamela Brohm, gallery manager at 705-457-7518.

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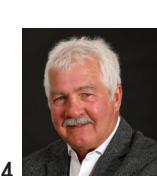
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A promotional banner for Canoe Fm Radio Bingo. The top half features the text "Canoe Fm Radio BINGO" in large red letters, with the word "BINGO" in black capital letters inside five colored bingo balls (red, blue, green, yellow, purple). Below this, a green box contains the text "Triple Bingo Tuesday, April 19, 2022" in white, italicized, serif font, and "See our website for details." in white, sans-serif font. The bottom left contains information about bingo sheets and the website, followed by a statement about winning up to \$800.00 every week. The bottom right features the Canoe FM logo with the word "CANOE" in red and yellow, and "100.9 FM" in green.



### Easter memories made

Pockets the Clown holds a balloon creature for a child at the 7th Annual Easter Event on Friday, April 15 in Haliburton. Organized by Curry Chevrolet, who were the sole sponsors this year, provided event goers photos with the Easter Bunny, balloon creations, treat bags, colouring contest, guess the number of eggs in a jar and pony petting. With a guess of 287, Sydney St. Cyr guessed the exact number of chocolate eggs and the colouring contest winners, who were chosen by a random draw are Hazel Wilson, James Lodge, Evangeline, Blake Coty, Hailey, Tyler, Danika and James. /DARREN LUM Staff



Three-year-old Bruce McKay reacts while waiting for his balloon creation,



Cousins Lennon Skelding, two, and Zayn Howard, nine, create, using chalk on the pavement.

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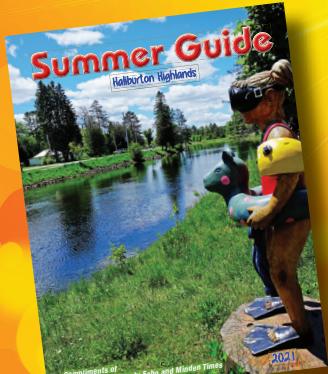
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**County Life**



Haliburton's Mark Arike holds up the Ukraine flag before heading out on a 24 kilometre walk to Minden on Saturday, April 16 in Haliburton. Arike was walking to raise awareness and money for the Canadian Red Cross to help Ukraine. The walk is part of a series of activities planned, as part of his fundraising effort, which has exceeded his \$2,000 goal raised. He continues to accept donations. See the link at [tiltify.com/@markcharlesfundraiser/rise-to-the-challenge-for-ukraine/](https://www.tiltify.com/@markcharlesfundraiser/rise-to-the-challenge-for-ukraine/). /DARREN LUM Staff

## United with Ukraine

Haliburton resident Mark Arike took 31,000 steps and walked for about 24 kilometres, taking close to seven hours with his good friend Rick West, as a show of solidarity with the people of Ukraine.

"A lot of them had to walk I think upwards of a 100 kilometres and I thought of a walk [would] show that support to them and everybody who is going through this invasion," he said, referring to the war between Russia and Ukraine.

The pair walked along County Road 21.

They started close to 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 16 starting at Patient News and finishing at the Dominion Pub in Minden. Although Arike has met his \$2,000 goal, he will continue to raise money. He has now collected \$2,231 for the Red Cross. He has other ideas than just the walk, which includes a plan to dress in drag to raise more money and awareness of Ukraine's plight.

-Staff



Rick West and Mark Arike walk along County Road 21 to Minden, as part of an effort to raise money and awareness for Ukraine.

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## HHOA launches 50/50 draw to help support the Fish Hatchery

The Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association (HHOA) will initiate a 50/50 Draw starting on April 15. Funds raised will support the fish hatchery, the annual stocking

of area lakes, walleye spawning rehabilitation programs and other HHOA activities that benefit region's outdoors community.

"Due to cutbacks in funding, and the effects of COVID, the HHOA is seeking other fundraising avenues, said Dan Smith, HHOA President. "The 50/50 Draw provides an opportunity to raise funds for the hatchery, while giving the community a chance to help support the

hatchery and win some money!"

Go to [bigcatch5050.ca](http://bigcatch5050.ca) to buy your tickets. Fifty per cent of the proceeds from each monthly draw will go to one lucky winner. The other 50 per cent will be used to support HHOA activities.

The HHOA helps maintain and enhance local fisheries. Its mission is to help residents and visitors to the Haliburton Highlands enjoy angling opportunities while practising good conservation. Since 1998, the HHOA has raised and stocked more than 700,000 fish in local lakes. For more information on the HHOA visit: [www.hhoa.on.ca/news](http://www.hhoa.on.ca/news).

# Three years in – Dysart et al councillor Walt McKechnie

CHRIS DROST

Staff Reporter

*It has been just over three years since municipal councils began their current term of office. With the next municipal election now less than a year away, we have reached out to invite local political representatives to answer a few questions.*

**What is the cumulative time you have spent as a municipal representative for this municipality? (Is this your first term or have you served for multiple terms?)**

This is my third term in office, my 12th year.

What in your personal background/experience has best helped you to be an effective member of council?

I was around the NHL (National Hockey League) for 16 years, which gave me lots of experience being a good team player. I started a restaurant and ran it for 24 years - McKeck's Place. I brought a team approach to the restaurant and then, on council, I tried to be a team member. I would not have been successful without great teammates. That is the same in the restaurant and on council. I have had a heck of a lot of help from others while on council.

**Three years in to this mandate, what do you believe has been this council's greatest achievement so far?**

We have done more than people realize. We got the Gardens [of Haliburton] open, with phase two starting soon. It has been great for the community. Peo-

ple who live in there have family nearby. Also, the site at Sir Sandford Fleming for the student residence is going ahead. Things still have to be finalized [with the] Places for People [development], but I think it will be moving forward. There are some other housing projects that will also be good for the community. Council knows that constituents have concerns about infrastructure, roads, bridges, etc. We are now on a program that ensures things are repaired each year, moving in a positive way.

**Is there anything council has made a decision in in the past three years that you wish you could have a chance to re-do?**

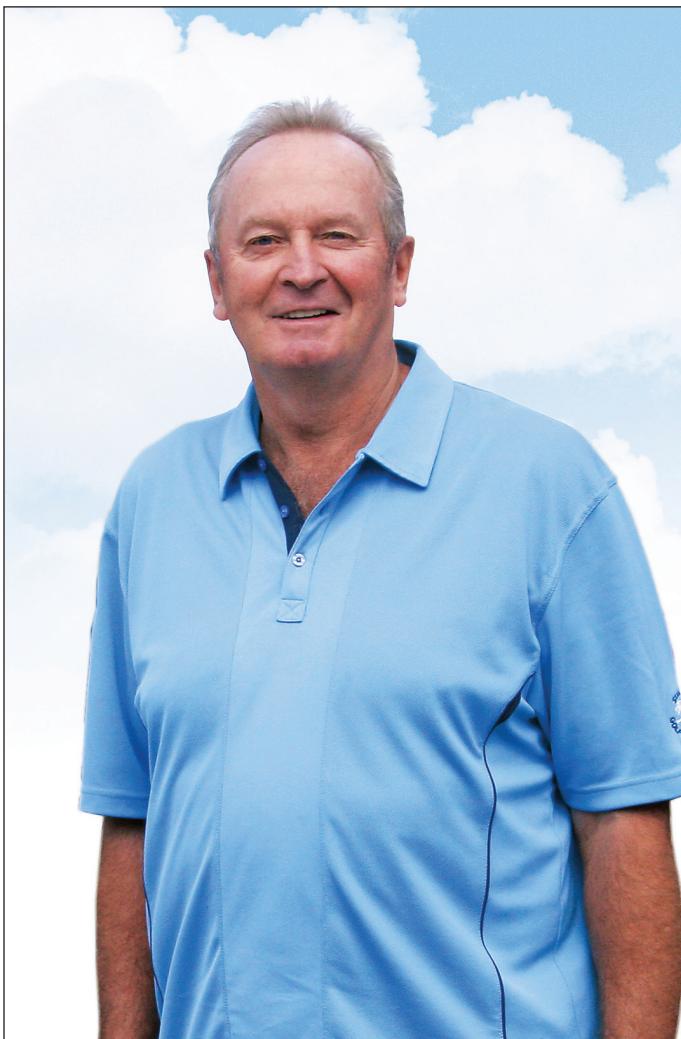
We can't dwell on what we wanted to do. There are a lot of projects on the table. We need them to be in a position so the next council will be in a good place. There is a lot on our plate and we need to do our best in the next six months.

**What is this council's greatest challenge in the year ahead?**

There is a lot on the table right now, the phase two of the Gardens' project, Places for People, affordable housing and condos. We need to get them off to a good start.

**What do you hope this council can achieve in its last months in office?**

We have these projects. We need to move the ball so we can get shovels in the ground. It would be so good for the community.



Dysart et al Councillor Walt McKechnie has tried to bring a team approach to his time on council, experience he gained through his time around the NHL and in running his restaurant for 24 years. FILE

## Community arts workshop series unveiled

*Hands-On Workshops Offer Something for Everybody*

New, hands-on, arts experiences are being presented this spring! A great line up of 16 Community Arts Workshops are being unveiled by The Artists in the Schools and Community Committee of the Arts Council. This exciting initiative has been in the works since early February and is ready to launch.

"We were really pleased with the variety and diversity of the workshop proposals we received," said committee member Chris Lynd. "Choosing just 16 was a challenge."

From children to adults, this series offers something to engage, educate and entertain everybody. Theatre, writing, painting, knitting, claymation and artistic upcycling are just a few of the workshop experiences on offer. The workshops are being presented in locations across the county. Of particular importance for the organizing committee was to make

this workshop series as inclusive and cost accessible as possible. All of the children's and youth workshops will be free of charge and adult workshops are just \$10. Whether you are brand new to the arts or an artist wanting to stretch creatively, the Arts Council invites you to learn new skills, enjoy an opportunity to be out with others, discover new techniques or just have fun with art and craft. These workshops are facilitated by workshop leaders passionate about their art which always translates into exceptional experiences.

You can register for the workshop of your choice here: [www.eventbrite.com/cc/community-workshop-project-275909](http://www.eventbrite.com/cc/community-workshop-project-275909). Early registration is suggested as all the workshops are limited to small groups.

This community building project has been made possible by generous donations from the Rotary Club of Haliburton, the Kennisis Lake Art on the Dock project and ACHH.




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# Memories of the past

*community news*

## west guilford

Eleanor Cooper  
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Old notes, old cards. Don't throw them out. A card offering encouragement after Earl's death, after four years that message still brings support like the many others I received at that time. Other notes revealed that I had kept track of my holiday in Latchford last summer and was able to transfer the information into my diary, which was too heavy for the suitcase. So many happy and funny memories of long ago, and of more recent days, all because I kept that card and the notes. Sorting through old envelopes tells me what is valuable and what can be at last tossed out. It also tells me who I must write to or phone.

Another note reveals that I'm important to St. George's Anglican congregation, delivered unexpectedly alongside a little pot of daffodils. So many were the blossoms that I divided them into three small pots of earth. A year from now the flowers will be gone, but I'll still have the note reminding me that I'm treasured as a member there, as indeed are all of that joyous congregation.

Easter cards from near and dear as well as one from a former director of a Highlands Little Theatre play I was in. In fact I

had compiled a scrap book of 'thank-you' notes from casts of earlier years. It takes but a moment to set aside what someone wrote, but the recollections are there to cherish in the future and bring a smile or two as you remember faces and names who meant so much even long ago.

## Belief in a spring Thanksgiving

April should be Thanksgiving month. Sunshine happens more often than in winter. Ice, which was dangerous for our aging footing, has melted away. Snow made us forget grass, and now here it is, albeit brown at first. Tips of the big old maples show reddish tinge on every twig. Mud has given way to dry earth. It is good to feel that real firm earth beneath our shoes. Yes, shoes are a possibility now. While not forgetting that rain will come, rubber boots are ready instead of snow boots. Mittens are stored away and, gone, are all the heavy gloves we needed. Shawls that were so comforting are folded along with the scarves and mitts.

And, oh! The feel of the sun when we step outside. It's light makes the new grass sweep across the lawns. The wind takes a different turn, more of a light breeze, not of cruel blasts that seek out hidden cracks indoors and bite you when you open the door. Yes, it's spring again and I for one can assume this delightful beginning will only spread as April progresses with real spring. So praise ye the Lord and give thanks.



## Lions collect community donations

Haliburton resident Charlene Cooper makes a donation for the Wilberforce Food Bank during the Haliburton and District Lions Club's first Easter Food Drive to benefit the food bank in Wilberforce on Saturday, April 9 at the Haliburton Foodland. Although food totals have not been finalized, the collection yielded \$625 in cash donations. Organizers said this was a successful collection and is another food drive held by the Lions Club since holding one for the Haliburton 4Cs Food Bank in November. Submitted by Gail Stelter



The Lions Mary Lawr, from left, Tina and Gerald Hadley, and Jack Lawr presented the collection to the Wilberforce Food Bank on Sunday, April 10. /Submitted by Linda Heeps

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Nominations to run for Council commences on May 2, 2022. Nomination Day is Friday, August 19, 2022 (9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.). Municipal Election Day will be held October 24, 2022.

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Dated at Haliburton and published this 7th day of April, 2022.

Mallory Bishop, Clerk  
mbishop@dysartetal.com

**Schedule "A"**

Part Lots 31, 32 & 33, Concession 10, being Lots 1, 2, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 29 and 30, Plan 607, in the Geographic Township of Dysart, United Townships of Dysart et al (Harburn Road – Wagon Wheel Subdivision)

# Harcourt Community Centre hosts Mother's Day Brunch

CHRIS DROST  
Staff Reporter

Celebrating your mom this year is just down the road with a Mother's Day Brunch at the Harcourt Community Centre on Sunday, May 8.

Held from 10 a.m. to noon, the by-donation event is being planned for the first time by the Harcourt Ladies Committee, who are still working out the menu, which will include breakfast dishes and

sweet and savoury sweets.

There is no need to book ahead for the brunch.

"We will keep going as long as there is food or the time is up," said Andrea Mueller, events and recreation coordinator at the Municipality of Dysart et al.

Besides a monthly meal program with homemade pies, which was offered during the pandemic, Mueller is happy to see the hall return to use by the community. Other bookings include a memorial in May and a wedding in June. Other events that have started up again include sew-

ing/quilting and euchre.

"The Harcourt Ladies Committee is always looking for new members," Mueller said. Anyone who is interested in joining can reach out to Connie Rees at 705-448-9842.

## New members invited to Friends of Harcourt Committee

The Friends of Harcourt Committee, which is separate from the Harcourt Ladies Committee, is also looking for new

members. Specifically, they would like to have some new members to offer bingo again.

"This fundraising activity has been done for more than 40 years so it is time for some fresh blood," Mueller said. While the current members are stepping down, they are willing to train new members to take over bingo. Anyone interested in getting involved can contact Deb Shatraw, Mary-Ellen Coghlan, or Cindy Smith Baumhour for more information. Check out the Harcourt Community Centre on Facebook.

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A private family celebration of Derek's life will be held at a later date. Cremation has taken place.  
  
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## Stanhope Goes Dry



Photo by Vern Graham, Minden.

### Well Known Minden Couple Celebrate Golden Wedding Day

Wednesday, April 15, was a sunny beautiful day, just as it was 50 years ago, for the occasion of the Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hewitt, lifelong residents of this district who at the age of 75 and 74 respectively enjoy life and health in this village where they are known by everyone as kind friends and good neighbors, keenly interested in all activities of Minden and district. The recipe they offer for long life and happiness is to be interested in the welfare of others and to keep your hands busy with the essential every day duties of life.

Mr. and Mrs. Hewitt both of whom were born and raised in Stanhope Township, were married by Rev. Mr. Fanning, of St. Paul's Parish, Minden, in 1903 and lived on the Hewitt homestead from then until eight years ago when they moved to Minden Village.

Their have four sons and a daughter, namely: Alex of Carnarvon; Ernest, John, Earl of Minden and Minnie (Mrs. Stewart Dawson) of Maple Lake, who were all

### One Of County's Oldest Residents Passes

MINDEN — Mrs. Annie M. Batchelor, one of Haliburton County's oldest residents died on Monday, April 27th, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Harry Easton, in her 92nd year.

Mrs. Batchelor, wife of the late Thomas Batchelor, moved to Haliburton with her husband in 1908. The first six months were spent with the late John Moon and Mrs. Moon. They then moved to the Numan property, where they resided until the death of Mr. Batchelor in 1944.

After her husband's death, Mrs. Batchelor moved to Minden to reside with her daughter, Mrs. H. Easton, with whom she lived until her passing away.

Mr. and Mrs. Batchelor were widely known throughout the Haliburton district.

The funeral service was held on Wednesday afternoon, April 29th, from Haliburton Baptist Church. Interment in the family plot at Evergreen Cemetery.

Thomas H. Newell, the newly appointed Secretary-Manager of the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Newell brings a wealth of business experience to the new Chamber, having served on the Saskatchewan War Finance Committee and directed the Victory Loan Campaigns in the province.

He has also been prominently identified with Red Cross, Community Chest, Red Shield and Boy Scout activities.

### Corporal Barjarow Home From Korea

Mrs. Blanche Barjarow of West Guilford has received word that her son Corporal Jack Barjarow who has been in Korea for over a year arrived in Seattle Washington on Thursday, April 23rd. Cpl. Barjarow is attached to the Royal Canadian Regiment and was wounded in September of last year.

Mrs. Barjarow left last weekend for the city of Toronto to welcome her son back.

### Dr H. P. Bishop New Deputy Zone Commander

The District zone meeting of the Canadian Legion was held in Lindsay last Sunday. At this meeting 12 legion zones were represented. Mr. George Potts of Bobcaygeon was selected as the Zone Commander and Dr. H. P. Bishop of Haliburton went in by acclamation as the Deputy one Commander.

### Nurses Residence Opens May 12th

The Haliburton Red Cross Outpost hospital will officially open its new nurses residence on Tuesday, May the 12th, 1953.

Here for the day will be the Hon. L. M. Frost who will head a list of important speakers. A great deal of time and effort have been put into this grand building which will soon be open for inspection.

### Baptist Parsonage to be Dedicated in Haliburton

A special service of dedication will be held in the Haliburton Baptist Parsonage on Saturday May 2nd at 8 p.m. Rev. Dixon Burns of Toronto will be guest speaker for the occasion. Mr. Burns will also preach at the Sunday services on May 3rd as follows:

Eagle Lake Community Church, 11 a.m., West Guilford Baptist Church, 2.45 p.m. and Haliburton Baptist, 7.30 p.m. Every one is cordially invited to these services.

The moving pictures shown in the Baptist Church and the Eagle Lake Community Church last week were well attended and much enjoyed by all. The pictures shown were "The Life of William Carey" a pioneer Baptist Foreign Missionary, and "A Visit to The Baptist Mission Field in Bolivia". Other pictures will be shown next month.

### Correction

When reporting Red Cross donations in our issue of April 16 we reported M. R. Nicol \$10.00. This should have read M. R. Nicol \$10.00. We regret the error.

The Township of Stanhope voted on the liquor question on Wednesday last and turned thumbs down on all eight questions on the ballot. The result is as follows:

Question	For	Against
1 For Liquor Store	96	165
2 For Beer Store	96	163
3 For Wine Store	87	171
4 Beverage Room, Women	98	168
5 Beverage Room, men only	88	172
6 Dining License (Beer & Wine)	90	170
7 Dining Lounge for Liquor	89	167
8 Lounge for Liquor	91	169
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Percentage of vote required to defeat the issue was 60 per cent—Dry vote was 64.9 per cent.



Photo by LAWREN STUDIOS

Attended by many guests from out of town, the marriage of Betty Jean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold H. Hill of Lochlin, to Mr. Norman Arthur Harrison, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Harrison of Ingoldsby, was solemnized in a double ring ceremony at a candlelight service in the United Church at Lochlin on the evening of Saturday, April 18th, with Rev. T. V. Rutherford officiating.

The bride chose a gown of star white shadow lace over taffeta, fashioned with a halter bodice, offset by a fly-away, pointed collar, and topped with a brief, rounded bolero with fitted sleeves. The skirt, falling from the small waistline was shirred into tiered frills to a ballerina length. Her shoulder veil of illusion tulle was caught to a double bandeau of net and pearls. Her bouquet was a crescent of white roses and stephanotis.

Given in marriage by her father, she was attended by her sister Miss Lois Hill of Toronto, wearing a gown of dusky rose nylon organza shot with turquoise. She wore a matching headdress and carried harmonizing flowers. Mr. Wallace Crofts was groomsman and the ushers were Mr. Ronald Harrison and Mr. Keith Hill.

After a reception at Bonnie View Lodge the bride and groom left on a honeymoon trip through the States and Florida.

### THE WEEKLY ROUNDUP

"Don't Laugh now" — We have been informed from sources that we consider most reliable that a real train is coming in to Haliburton Development at Haliburton on Saturday. The said train will carry a number of Toronto citizens who are said to be interested in Crooked Lake. It is expected that the train will arrive at 11 a.m. and leave at 5 p.m.

We are glad to report that Mrs. T. V. Rutherford who recently underwent a serious operation in Lindsay is making a satisfactory recovery. Her many friends hope and pray that she may be restored to a full measure of health.

St. George's W.A. —

holding a Rummage Sale in the Community Hall on Saturday afternoon May 2, at 3 p.m.

Two face lifting jobs are now in progress on Highland Street. The buildings receiving this treatment are the Kozy Corner Restaurant and the Haliburton County Echo.

Citizens are requested to note the following change in Post Office hours.

On Wednesday, half holiday the wickets are open from 8.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. In the afternoon from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. for the delivery of mail only.

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